



# Matricula Online

German and Austrian Catholic Records

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## What is Matricula Online?

A federation of Catholic diocesan archives from Germany and Austria with the goal of digitizing the records and putting them online. Currently, the database contains online records for five of the twenty-seven dioceses in Germany, and eight of the nine dioceses in Austria.

To identify the records for your village, you should know:

1. The name of the town where the parish church was located
2. The diocese to which the parish church belongs

## FINDING THE JURISDICTION

### Finding the parish church

If your ancestors lived in **Germany**, use the following resources:

- [www.meyersgaz.org](http://www.meyersgaz.org)
- Hansen's Map Guides

To learn how to use these, see the "How to" Guides, found in the FamilySearch Wiki article [www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany\\_How\\_to\\_Guides](http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_How_to_Guides)

If your ancestors lived in **Austria**, use the following resource:

- GenTeam, found at [www.genteam.at](http://www.genteam.at) (requires free login)

To learn how to use these, see the "How to" Guide, found in the FamilySearch Wiki article [www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Austria\\_How\\_to\\_Guides](http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Austria_How_to_Guides)

### Finding the diocese

If your ancestors lived in **Germany**, use the website [www.genealogy.net](http://www.genealogy.net) and follow these steps:

1. In the top bar, click on **GOV**.
2. Type in the name of the parish town.
3. You may see several entries listed. Look for the entry containing the word **Pfarrdorf** or **Pfarrei** (parish town) or a variation thereof. Click on the entry.
4. You should see a diagram somewhere on the page. Zoom in on the diagram. Search for the word **Diözese** (diocese), **Bistum** (bishopric), or **Erzbistum** (archbishopric). This is the name of the diocese. With this information, you can search for records for the town.

If your ancestors lived in **Austria**, the diocese is listed in the town entry in GenTeam.

## USING MATRICULA ONLINE

Matricula Online is found at: [www.matricula-online.eu](http://www.matricula-online.eu). You can also get to the website by doing a Google search for **Matricula Online**. To use the website, follow these steps:

1. Click on "Continue to Matricula".
2. Click on the book icon.
3. Click on the country name. For Germany, click on **Deutschland**. For Austria, click on **Österreich**.
4. Select the diocese name. In Austria, the records may also be listed under the province (Tirol for the Innsbruck diocese, and Vorarlberger Landesarchiv for the Feldkirch diocese).
5. You should now see an alphabetical list of parish towns. The list is only for online records; if your town name is not listed, it is likely the records for your parish town are not online yet. If a town has multiple parishes, you should see the name of the town, followed by the name of the parish (i.e. Salzburg-St. Blasius).
6. Once you have located your parish town, click on its name.
7. You should now see a list of the books available online for the parish. They are usually organized by record type and time period. The following list will help you identify the record type:

Register	Index
Taufbuch	Baptismal register
Traungsbuch	Marriage register
Sterbebuch	Death/burial register
Firmbuch	Confirmation register

8. Identify the book of interest and click on the camera icon. You should now see the first page of the book.

Tips for navigating Matricula Online:

- Once you are viewing the images, use the page list on the right side of the screen to navigate through the book
- Explore the tool bar at the bottom of the website. Using these you can manipulate the image to lighten or darken an image, rotate the image, move page by page, and more.
- The URL for each image is different and is specific to the image. This means you can copy the URL and paste it as a source in your genealogy software or online family tree such as FamilySearch Family Tree, and it will point to the image.